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1. MINISTER OF COMMERCE MAHDAVI INFORMED ME DURING BRIEF ENCOUNTER JUNE 22 THAT GOI IS "PLAYING DELAYING GAME" WITH NORTH KOREAN TRADE AGREEMENT BUT ASKED THAT I NOT SAY ANYTHING ABOUT IT. MINISTER OF COURT ALAM CONFIRMED THIS ON MORNING JUNE 23. HE SAID THAT THE SHAH HAD SENT INSTRUCTIONS TO MAHDAVI TO DELAY THE NEGOTIATIONS TO MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE WITHOUT SPECIFICALLY GOING BACK ON ORIGINAL UNDERTAKING. ALAM ADDED THAT THE NORTH KOREANS HAVE BEEN COMPLAINING BITTERLY.

2. COMMENT: GIVEN PERSIAN SKILL AT DELAYING TACTICS, NORTH KOREANS CAN BE CONSIDERED AS BEING IN FOR A HARD TIME.
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